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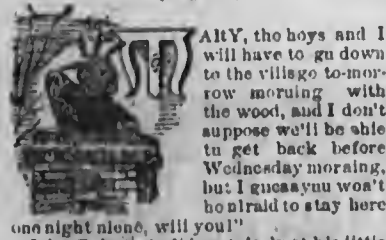
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DOWN THE CHIMNEY.

The Visit of an Unwelcome "Santa-Claus."

A Tale of New York in 1890.
(Original.)



ANY, the boys and I will have to go down to the village tomorrow morning with the wood, and I don't suppose we'll be able to get back before Wednesday morning, but I guess you won't be afraid to stay here one night alone, will you?"

John Comstock did not look at his little wife as he spoke, but stood with his back toward her, shaking the snow from his old gray hat and coat, for he well knew the side of disappointment that was passing over her face.

"Why, no, of course I'm not afraid," was the ready reply. "What should I be afraid of, and up here among the mountains in this lonely little place? But it won't seem quite like Christmas eve to-morrow night without you all—and you know it will be the first time we haven't spent it together since we were married," she added, hesitatingly, with a slight tremor in her usually calm voice.

John said nothing, but went to the window and looked out. The storm was beginning to break away. The snow was now falling more gently, and in the East faint luminous streaks of silver gave signs of a perfect moonlight night. He turned with a brighter face, and spoke cheerfully:

"The storm is evidently about over. If it were snow falls the roads will be fair, and if we can get an early start in the morning I think we can manage to get back home before midnight—at least some time before Santa Claus comes down the chimney," he added, merrily, "but see here, little wife, I almost forgot the good news that I have to tell you. Parson Stanley said that old account with me to-day—paid me every dollar, and interest besides, and here it is. Now go and put it in some safe place, and take good care of it until I come back. Next spring we'll put a face on this old log house, our neighbors won't recognize it. Great guns! I'd like to know where all this cold air comes from!" broke off John, with a sudden change of subject.

"Good evening! good evening!" I thought I'd walk right in without knocking, kind of neighborly, you know," and the something that started her looked to see their neighbor, Hiram Otwood, standing in the doorway.

"Jinny! my man, you might as well kill a fellow as to scare him to death," good-naturedly exclaimed the honest husk, springing up and pinning a chair for his queer guest.

"He told me I'd scare you! I thought I made a great rumpus as I came into the stoop."

"We were busy talking and didn't hear you. Why, how blue you look! Here, take up your chair near the fire, I'm going into the other room for awhile," and the kind-hearted hostess rose as she spoke.

"No, I'm not a bit cold. Just you keep your seat," he feebly remonstrated, dropping into the proffered chair nevertheless without any aid and spreading his rough, cold hands in the very blaze of the cheerful fire. "I tried to get wife to come over with me for a little chat this evening, but she was a-gittin' the children to sleep and couldn't leave," and the wretched fellow's teeth fairly chattered as he tried to keep up a show of conversation.

"I'm real glad that you've come over, Hiram, for I want to ask you to keep an eye on my premises while I'm gone down to the village."

"Just no! When be you goin'?" was the quick inquiry.

"To-morrow morning, bright and early," replied the other, "and I can't get back until real late to-morrow night."

"Well, I'm goin' down there myself to-morrow noon, but I'll have Hanner look after things."

"Is that so?" inquired the astonished John, for a trip to the distant village was not an every-day event among those simple mountain-dwellers.

"Yes, that's so, but if Mrs. Comstock feels up all Hanner I'll have Hanner come over and stay all night with her. I saw two or three lasses a-passin' down the road to-day, and maybe you'd rather not be alone, Mrs. Comstock," he said, addressing her as she now appeared.

"Indeed, I'm not the least bit timid," was the spirited reply. "There's not enough life left in one of those poor creatures to frighten a baby."

"You're right. They wouldn't worry a musketeer. But I must be a-goin' now." And, rising, the awkward visitor drew an old faded scarf from his pocket and enveloped his head and neck in its folds. "Where be the boys to-night?" he suddenly asked.

"A woman's foreign figure."

"Oh, they're been up all night. They're going with me to the morning, you know," and poor, tired John tried not to look bored as the fellow still lingered. A few moments later he growled a sort of good-night and took his departure, slamming the door as he went.

"A good and honest a soul as ever lived," said the husband at last, darning to break the silence with a hearty laugh. "You don't suppose he is near enough to hear me, do you? I'm so sorry he's going to be gone to-morrow, for I should feel perfectly sure about you if he were only going to be at home."

going to be at home. I'll tell you what I'll do: I'll stop at Mrs. Otwood's in the morning and tell her if any thing happens up here, or if you want her to let her know the dinner-horn and let her know."

"O, please, John! what is going to happen! You go and get your kindlings ready for the morning, and don't let me hear any more of this nonsense," and she kissed the side of his face and went into the little bedroom adjoining.

Long before sunrise the simple household was astir, a hearty breakfast was eaten, and half an hour later a woman's form alone in the road outside the humble dwelling, in a listless attitude, as the occasional sound of belated voices came back to her on the still wintry air. Not until the last tones had died away did she turn and go into the house. It was not long before the sun rose clear and bright, and soon industrious hands dispelled all lingering sense of loneliness.

The usual household duties over, she proceeded to prepare a pleasant surprise for her dear ones. Ere nightfall, from the rude ceiling overhead depended graceful festoons of evergreen; the silvery frost-work of the windows had a worthy emerald setting, and the spacious fireplace filled with golden light and warmth was surrounded by a rich mass of green; in short, the humble little dwelling had been completely transformed by the magic hands of love, and this same touch had fairly transfigured the face and form of the occupant until she appeared every inch the queen of this fragrant, summer bower.

At last there was nothing more to be done. Each stocking—Willie's, Henry's, Joe's, John's, and her own as well—all hung around the chimney, which was surely ample enough to admit the burly form of Kris Kringle himself. If he still kept up his old custom. And now it was time to prepare for the night. As she drew the plain white curtains together she found to her surprise that each window was nailed fast, and she knew that this was the work of dear, thoughtful John before he went away. Why had he been so worried about her, she wondered. There was nothing to fear, she tried to reassure herself, as she went to the outside doors and drew the bolts; nevertheless, with candle in hand she searched thoroughly each room, not neglecting to lift the covers and investigate the corners of the mysterious hiding-place of thieves and villains. Then she put the candle out and crept softly into bed. Many times she had stayed alone thus without a shadow of fear—why should she care now! she asked herself again and again, and trying to believe that she was only nervous from fatigue she at last dropped into a slumber.

How long had she slept! She could not tell, but she had awakened with a start, and was sitting up in bed in a half-conscious state. She could not tell what had roused her, but she thought it must have been the striking of the clock, for it was just telling the hour of twelve with startling distinctness; yet there she sat motionless long after the last stroke had died away in the oppressive stillness. The moonlight was shining through the curtains, casting an uncertain light over each object in the room. It seemed as if some mysterious presence had startled her. She listened with painful interest, her gaze fixed on the window opposite, and, as she looked, the dark outline of the easement seemed to move upward. No, it could not be. It must have been caused by the strong wind that was blowing; yet, far off the wind could not move it in that direction.

She thought of the Indians that Hiram had seen that day; she thought of the money concealed under the foot of the bed, and then John's charge to her regarding the danger-signal flashed through her mind. She sprang out of bed in an instant, but the next moment, to her dismay, she remembered that she had neglected to bring the dinner-horn into the house, and that it was then lying in its accustomed place in the woodshed. She would not venture out there for a kingdom. All her courage seemed to leave her. Noislessly she went to the window to ascertain to a certainty that it was secure, and as she examined each one in turn, she could distinctly hear footsteps on the crackling snow, following her, and trying each window as she approached it. Then the steps seemed to retreat, and a few moments later she heard the door-latch softly lifted, but she knew that she was not to fear from that direction, and taking advantage of the moment she timidly raised a corner of the curtain and looked out. Her fears were all too plainly verified, for there in the bright moonlight was the unmistakable figure of a great brawny Indian. She could clearly distinguish his swarthy features, and, as his blunt snout swung to and fro in the wind she thought she detected a gleaming knife in his belt.

She hastily dropped the curtain and once more listened with breathless anxiety. For a time all was still; then a strange, rustling sound was heard, and the next thing she realized was that a heavy body was creeping along the roof. Great heavens! what was the creature going to do! A noise over the chimney seemed to be her answer. Already he was coming down there, and taking in no situation at all, the courage and strength of desperation came to her. To rush into the room, drag out the straw bed and fling it on the dying embers was the work of scarcely an instant. Then involuntarily her eyes followed the upward direction of the lizard. There, through the thick smoke, she could plainly see hanging in the chimney a dark form, which appeared to be struggling, as if trying to extricate itself.

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clination to give him a good beating, but concluded you needed my attention instead. And now the wily savage has been reduced to an oily one, and lies wrapped in linen bandages, ever at the Otwood's. I begged the poor, heart-broken woman to take him in charge, for he bore such a strong resemblance to Hiram that I thought he might turn out to be a long-lost brother, or something of that kind, you know. By the way, I'm under an impression that as soon as the patient recovers we shall lose our neighbors. Can you guess

why?" John asked in a most significant manner. "What you don't understand yet!" he continued, as a confused, puzzled look was the only answer. "Well, I must drop enigmas, I see, and speak in plain English. Your terrible visitor was none other than Hiram Otwood, himself, disguised as an Indian. You remember how cold and blue he looked last night when he came in so suddenly upon us. He had been listening outside for about twenty minutes. No wonder he sat there all of a shiver! The upshot of the matter is that the villain heard every word of our conversation and came for the money I left with you. There, there! you promised you wouldn't talk any," and before the little woman could utter a word John had left the room, softly closing the door after him.

John H. Otwood.

HOLIDAY ITEMS.

The poor old bachelor passes. The gorgeous stores, nor looks at Christmas gifts, nor looks at the flatter pocket-books. He does not pause or gaze, because he takes no stock in Santa Claus.

"Does he know anything about music?" "Well, I should rather think he ought to." "How so?" "Well, for one thing, he's the father of twins not more than six months old, and for another, his wife was dead on having a son-skin for Christmas, and didn't get it."—Chicago Ledger.

I would be a boy again. Back in the old home, quiet and dear; With Christmas coming, now and then, Say about sixteen years a year. And that I were brand new and whole. Stockings as long as a telegraph pole. —Burdette.

Wife—"What shall I give you for Christmas, dear? I want you to tell me frankly, so that I shan't make any mistake. I leave you perfectly free and untrammelled. I won't influence you by suggesting the thing or thing. What would you say to a dictionary?" Husband, in the night when Santa Claus comes down the chimney he'll step on the pin and holler, and then I'll wake up and see him."—N. Y. Journal.

EMPTY is his stocking. On this Christmas morn: Happy is the urebin With his blots and horns. Which his wife and neighbors Wish he would grow Where the howling breezes Of old ocean blow. He should take that trumpet (At all tops the world), To some desert island, And blow until he burst. —N. Y. Journal.

MAUD—"Laura, I am almost distracted trying to think what to give Gus for Christmas. What are you going to give Algy?" Laura—"I haven't made up my mind yet. But I want a new pair of lace curtains for the parlor, and a lambrequin for the library; either of them, I think, would be just lovely." Maud—"So they would. I am going to give Gus a nice cut-glass smelling bottle." Gus—"Hello, Algy! Give Laura's Christmas present under your arm there!" Algy—"Yes; I'm going to give her a shagreen set." Gus—"Good! That will be jokin'. I've got a box of cigars for Maud. But she won't give me any more ties for my Christmas."—Harper's Bazar.

SANTA CLAUS writes to the editor as follows: "I want you to say in your paper that there are a great many poor little children who will not get any Christmas presents this year. My little girl friends and boy friends must share some of their good things with these poor children. If they do I will bring them a great many more presents next Christmas; but if they do not, I will be very apt not to bring them any thing. I love children who are good and kind to the poor. Tell this to all the children, and tell the grown-up folks that they should remember the poor people to-day, particularly the poor little girls and boys who have so little cause to love and bless the holy Christmas time."

WHAT WILL PRINTERS DO? A Type-Setting Machine That Is a Success.

One Man Can Do as Much Work With It as Ten the Old Way.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The first book printed by type set by the new type machine, owned by parties in this city, has just made its appearance in the market. The company was organized a year or more ago, but has been a year getting ready to manufacture the machines in considerable quantities. They had first to make the tools with which to make the machines. Now that this is done they can begin to turn them out by the hundred. One lot of over a hundred machines is now being made. They will cost somewhere from \$300 to \$500 apiece, but will enable a man to do the work of ten in type setting. They work like a typewriter, only that they can be worked at a higher rate of speed. The operators on the machines now being used can produce type at the rate of sixty words a minute, and with increased experience they expect to get a considerable higher rate. This means, the friends of the machine say, that from three to six men will be able to set up the type for the ordinary daily paper. The machine casts the type in a time and when the paper is printed the type is melted down and the metal used again the next day. There has been in the past twenty years a wonderful increase in the facilities for producing newspapers with great rapidity in every department except type setting. In this department the old systems have continued to prevail until now, but if this machine does what is claimed for it it will prove a wonderful time-saver in this particular and enable the publisher to lay the news smoking hot before his readers within a few minutes after the actual occurrence which it describes.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

About Thirty People at Kokomo Were or Less Burned—How the Indolent Material Caught Fire.

KOKOMO, IND., Dec. 17.—An explosion of natural gas occurred at Well No. 2 of the Kokomo Natural Gas and Oil Company about 3:30 p. m., from which thirty-five men had a narrow escape from death. The well had drilled into the sand last night and shut down. Work commenced this morning to drill deeper, the volume of gas increasing as the drill went down. The warning to keep out of the inclosure was given by the drill. The drill had been withdrawn, followed by a terrific gust of gas which ignited, exploding with terrific force, setting fire to the derrick. How any one escaped alive is marvellous. About thirty were more or less burned, the following being the most serious: Adolphus Pickett, John J. N. Loop, in Lawrence, John Daily, John Maudlin, Walter Hockett, Marion Price, Blake Reani, Fred George, Dave Frazee, Josh Brown, Mr. Utner, Mr. Hawkins and Lou Leeds, most of whom are badly burned about the face and hands. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire in a forge within the inclosure, which was thought to be out. The machinery was burning, the gas in the well was burning from the well with a force to show it to be a great producer.

Twelve Thousand Saleons in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—A statement in the Auditor of State's report gives some interesting figures on the Dow law tax, the number of saloons a session, etc. The total number of saloons in the State is 11,390; of these 3,041 are assessed \$200 each, and 2,999 are assessed \$100 each. The total amount of the tax is \$234,140. The statement shows Hamilton County to have 2,227 saloons taxed at \$200, and 445 at \$100. Butler County has 183 at \$200, and 55 at \$100. Cleveland has 34 at \$200, and 4 at \$100. Montgomery, including city of Dayton, has 337 at \$200, and 141 at \$100. Cuyahoga has 1,397 at \$200, and 380 at \$100. Lucas has 378 at \$200, and 2 at \$100. Franklin has 375 at \$200, and 135 at \$100. Erie has 103 at \$200, and 132 at \$100. Stark has 205 at \$200, and 140 at \$100.

Captured by the German Army.

GALENA, ILL., Dec. 17.—Charles Stubeudyeck, a German, came to this country a few years ago and settled in Plainville, Wis., where he embarked in business. He returned to Germany recently to visit relatives, and word has since been received by acquaintances in this city and Plainville, Wis., that he was arrested by German authorities on his arrival in that country and is now being compelled to do service in King William's army.

Engine Falls Over a Cow into a River.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—As an express train on the Denver and Rio Grande road was rounding a curve on approaching the bridge across the Gunnison river this morning the engine struck a cow lying on the track and derailed, tumbling over and over into the river below. Engineer Welch and Fireman McConnell were instantly killed. The coaches all remained on track. No one else injured.

Woman Convicted of Murder.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of Mrs. and Mrs. Baker, who have been on trial at East Abington for several days on a charge of having murdered old Mrs. Susanah Prescott at Groton, filed their verdict with the court this morning. Baker is adjudged not guilty, while Mrs. Baker is found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Settled His Son's Debts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—It was made known in Wall street to-day that Simeon Wormser, the banker, had settled all the losses sustained by his son in recent speculations, amounting to between \$200,000 and \$400,000. Young Wormser was a leader in the attempt to buy Reading in the face of the late general fall of stocks.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The first book printed by type set by the new type machine, owned by parties in this city, has just made its appearance in the market. The company was organized a year or more ago, but has been a year getting ready to manufacture the machines in considerable quantities. They had first to make the tools with which to make the machines. Now that this is done they can begin to turn them out by the hundred. One lot of over a hundred machines is now being made. They will cost somewhere from \$300 to \$500 apiece, but will enable a man to do the work of ten in type setting. They work like a typewriter, only that they can be worked at a higher rate of speed. The operators on the machines now being used can produce type at the rate of sixty words a minute, and with increased experience they expect to get a considerable higher rate. This means, the friends of the machine say, that from three to six men will be able to set up the type for the ordinary daily paper. The machine casts the type in a time and when the paper is printed the type is melted down and the metal used again the next day. There has been in the past twenty years a wonderful increase in the facilities for producing newspapers with great rapidity in every department except type setting. In this department the old systems have continued to prevail until now, but if this machine does what is claimed for it it will prove a wonderful time-saver in this particular and enable the publisher to lay the news smoking hot before his readers within a few minutes after the actual occurrence which it describes.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

About Thirty People at Kokomo Were or Less Burned—How the Indolent Material Caught Fire.

KOKOMO, IND., Dec. 17.—An explosion of natural gas occurred at Well No. 2 of the Kokomo Natural Gas and Oil Company about 3:30 p. m., from which thirty-five men had a narrow escape from death. The well had drilled into the sand last night and shut down. Work commenced this morning to drill deeper, the volume of gas increasing as the drill went down. The warning to keep out of the inclosure was given by the drill. The drill had been withdrawn, followed by a terrific gust of gas which ignited, exploding with terrific force, setting fire to the derrick. How any one escaped alive is marvellous. About thirty were more or less burned, the following being the most serious: Adolphus Pickett, John J. N. Loop, in Lawrence, John Daily, John Maudlin, Walter Hockett, Marion Price, Blake Reani, Fred George, Dave Frazee, Josh Brown, Mr. Utner, Mr. Hawkins and Lou Leeds, most of whom are badly burned about the face and hands. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire in a forge within the inclosure, which was thought to be out. The machinery was burning, the gas in the well was burning from the well with a force to show it to be a great producer.

Twelve Thousand Saleons in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—A statement in the Auditor of State's report gives some interesting figures on the Dow law tax, the number of saloons a session, etc. The total number of saloons in the State is 11,390; of these 3,041 are assessed \$200 each, and 2,999 are assessed \$100 each. The total amount of the tax is \$234,140. The statement shows Hamilton County to have 2,227 saloons taxed at \$200, and 445 at \$100. Butler County has 183 at \$200, and 55 at \$100. Cleveland has 34 at \$200, and 4 at \$100. Montgomery, including city of Dayton, has 337 at \$200, and 141 at \$100. Cuyahoga has 1,397 at \$200, and 380 at \$100. Lucas has 378 at \$200, and 2 at \$100. Franklin has 375 at \$200, and 135 at \$100. Erie has 103 at \$200, and 132 at \$100. Stark has 205 at \$200, and 140 at \$100.

Captured by the German Army.

GALENA, ILL., Dec. 17.—Charles Stubeudyeck, a German, came to this country a few years ago and settled in Plainville, Wis., where he embarked in business. He returned to Germany recently to visit relatives, and word has since been received by acquaintances in this city and Plainville, Wis., that he was arrested by German authorities on his arrival in that country and is now being compelled to do service in King William's army.

Engine Falls Over a Cow into a River.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—As an express train on the Denver and Rio Grande road was rounding a curve on approaching the bridge across the Gunnison river this morning the engine struck a cow lying on the track and derailed, tumbling over and over into the river below. Engineer Welch and Fireman McConnell were instantly killed. The coaches all remained on track. No one else injured.

Woman Convicted of Murder.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of Mrs. and Mrs. Baker, who have been on trial at East Abington for several days on a charge of having murdered old Mrs. Susanah Prescott at Groton, filed their verdict with the court this morning. Baker is adjudged not guilty, while Mrs. Baker is found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Settled His Son's Debts.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER, 23rd, 1886.

The President has appointed ex-Gov. Preston H. Leslie to the Governorship of Montana.

The friends of the late Gen. Hancock have purchased a residence in Washington City for Mrs. Hancock.

The J. M. White, probably the finest steamer that ever plied the Mississippi river, was burned last week. Between forty and sixty lives were lost.

The Capital Printing Company, of Frankfort, has purchased the entire outfit of the late Kentucky Yeoman, and will change the name of their paper to Capital-Yeoman.

The motion made in the House last Saturday to go into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Morrison Tariff Bill, was defeated by a vote of 145 to 149. Six Republicans voted in the affirmative, and twenty-four alleged Democrats in the negative.

The Senate has passed the bill to repeal the tenure-of-office Act, and it is thought there is no doubt but the House will readily agree to it. For the benefit of any one who may not be acquainted with the provisions of this law, we will add that it fixed the term of four years for all President's appointees. This will greatly aid Cleveland in the work of "turning the rascals out."

"Died while reading a newspaper," says a recent paragraph. On investigation it was found he had never paid his subscription. It is a dangerous thing to neglect so important a matter.—Ceresco Advance.

Dr. Freiderich, editor of the Swiss-American Gazette, New York, is much pleased with the condition of the Swiss colonies in Laufel and other counties in Kentucky. He is convinced, after a careful investigation, that the best thing Swiss farmers could do would be to sell their farms in the old country and invest the proceeds in Kentucky land. He will urge his countrymen to emigrate to Kentucky.—Capital.

The Republican party will continue in power in the Ninth District so long as the Mugwumps control the Federal appointments. Col. Baldwin, who did all he could to elect the present Republican Congressman, controls all the appointments in the district. We hope President Cleveland will not be censured for this defeat. The gentlemen who represent this State in Congress and recommend such persons to the President for appointment, are responsible for much of the dissatisfaction in Kentucky. The Republicans and Mugwumps have more influence in some of the districts than Democrats, and for this reason there is no enthusiasm in the party. This is what is called general apathy.—Western Argus.

EDMONDS, BRANCH.

B. F. Currutte, of Wayne Co., W. Va., spent a few days with friends and relatives here last week.

The most important event of the times was the close of G.B. Carter's school at this place, on the 18th inst.

The following was the programme which was strictly adhered to: From 9 to 11:40 o'clock a. m. an old-fashioned spelling match, in which all present took part. Then a candy treat by the teacher, in which all had plenty.

Intermission. School convened at one o'clock p. m. Singing by the school which was perfectly delightful. The school then produced declamations, dialogues and select readings that all had plenty of interest. Supper at 4:30.

I may say just here that much credit is due the teacher, or the way in which he has labored in the drilling of the children in the exercises.

Then an oration by D. F. Currutte, subject Elocution and its power.

Devotional exercises by Wm. Bently and Landon Carter.

Then the valedictory address by the teacher, which was both sublime and instructive. He spoke first to the patrons, then to the young men of the country, and last to the children who had been his care for five months. His address touched "Physical Education," and then a farewell to all, as he intends starting away to school shortly. We regret very much to lose him from our midst as he is an excellent young man. But may he go and accumulate more of the knowledge which is in store for the human family, and may success ever crown his efforts; for his zealous and energetic manner of teaching the young idea to shoot is worthy of success, anywhere his lot may be east. COUNTRY GREENHORN.

Lines on a Moth.

Oh little moth, that fluttered in the light,
On thy outspread wings of palest grey,
So delicate they scarcely can betray
Thy presence to my dull, unaided sight.
How strange, how great, the wondrous
mystery,
That safely guides thy wand'ring lonely
way;
Not less than that which in the purple
night
Lights the white stars along the Milky
Way.

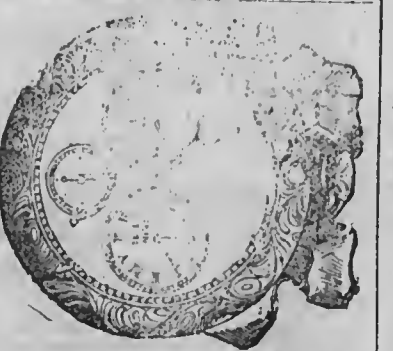
For our blind eyes that cannot see by day,
The shining lights of those far distant suns
Flashing their glittering trail of pale,
blue fire
Along the vault of heaven, because that
higher
Our own sun's light across our vision
runs;
And yet like pearls string on a golden
wire,
I see in those swift wings that never tire,
A purpose strange as process of the suns!

I hold thee, little moth, beneath the fire
Of a white light,—and now my eyes' de-
sire
Is answered, and a sudden, ungle change
Flashes in glory on my ravished sight;
A network of blue lace, all seen with
light,
Thy wings' pale grey—and colors soft
and strange
Shine on their golden edges, like the
bright

Still glows of sunlight through a mist of
white.
Farewell, little moth, thy softly range
Of the wide air is free again. The light
is thine, as mine. Fly on! by that same
Might
Upheld, that guides thy own its lonely
way;
The God who made the stars, with equal
care
Fashioned thy tiny wings, that seem but
grey
To shelter thee. For this all shadows are.
Fly on again, into the golden day!
Louis, Ky.

The Parent of Insomnia.

The parent of insomnia, or wakefulness is in nine cases out of ten a dyspeptic stomach. Good digestion gives solid sleep, indigestion interferes with it. The brain and stomach are intimately connected. One of the prominent symptoms of a weak state of the stomach is the influence of the great nerve center, the brain, to regulate the stomach, and vice versa. The brain, on the contrary, is a powerful influence upon the stomach, and ceases to act, and thereby loses the power of the stomach. The brain, on the contrary, is a powerful influence upon the stomach, and ceases to act, and thereby loses the power of the stomach. The brain, on the contrary, is a powerful influence upon the stomach, and ceases to act, and thereby loses the power of the stomach.



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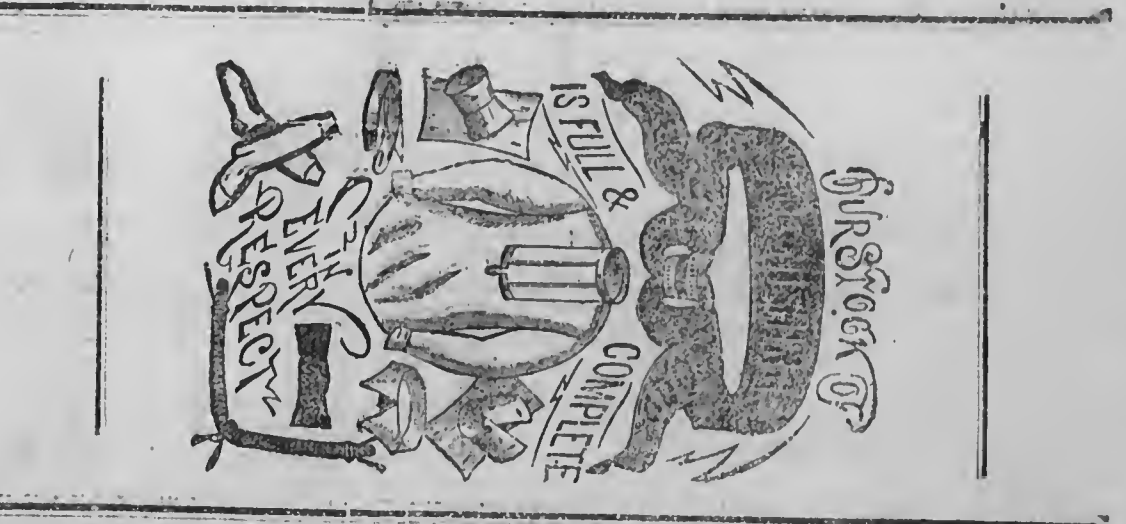
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{ Courier-Journal. }

Among the numerous callers with whom the President shook hands last week was Elias Polk, a reminiscence of nearly half a century. Elias bears the surname of President Polk and was the body servant of the distinguished Tennesseean when an occupant of the White House from 1845 to 1849. He is quite proud in being able to say that he has seen every President from John Quincy Adams, inclusive, down to Cleveland. He came here from Nashville expressly to be able to keep his line intact, and was heartily greeted by Mr. Cleveland. Polk calls the President "a Democrat of the old school," and takes a special interest in him for this reason. He was honored by safe conduct over the White House, and when he stopped before the picture of his former master and present mistress, he was visibly affected, for all the surroundings vividly revived the days when the illustrious and patriotic President was the Chief Executive. Now the burden of 81 years rest upon his shoulders, and the swift flying time admonishes the old man that he must follow with the inevitable rotations of the world. He noted numerous changes, and the venerable darky, in his plain way, touched many a sympathetic and responsive cord, as he spoke of the golden days, long since swept into eternity.

by the swift stepping successors. He speaks with great tenderness and pride of Mrs. Polk, who is now eighty-four years of age, and getting so feeble that she is very fond of seclusion, and prefers not to be disturbed unless by very dear and intimate friends. This interesting and venerable relic of President Polk is still visited annually by the Tennessee Legislature in a body. Her pure presence and noble associations are a hallowed shrine which inspires the noblest, chastest, and most patriotic impulses.

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
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The river is at a good steamboat stage.

Two colored children died in town last week.

Go to J. A. Hughes for Dolls a 5c. and up.

J. F. Hatten, of Rockville, was here Saturday.

Go to J. A. Hughes for Salt at \$1.00 per barrel.

G. S. Henton, Cincinnati, Ohio, was here Monday.

Go to J. A. Hughes for your Boots and Shoes.

Geo. Thornberry spent Sunday last in Catlettsburg.

Take a look at Wm. Remel's stock of candies.

Frank Henderson, of Ashland, spent Sunday here.

Go to J. A. Hughes for shawls, hosiery, hoods etc.

Joe Mitchell, of Catlettsburg, was in Louisa, Saturday.

Tuesday last was pay-day at the Peach Orchard mines.

We noticed Capt. T. D. Marcum on our streets Monday.

Col. I. Rigdon passed up on the morning train Tuesday.

Miss Mary Burns is at home spending the holidays.

Go to J. A. Hughes for your Christmas presents.

Mrs. J. M. Lewis, of Huntington, is visiting relatives here.

Dan McKenzie, of Texas, is visiting his mother at this place.

Patterson Steel, of Lexington Ky., was here Saturday last.

John Stone, of Catlettsburg is visiting relations in Casaville.

Ans. J. Walsh, of Cincinnati, was in our city one day last week.

Go to J. A. Hughes for Poplar Shingles, Wagons, Buggies, etc.

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G. W. Gmuel made a trip to Catlettsburg the first of the week.

M. Stanton, of Portsmouth, was stopping at the Chattanooga this week.

A. T. Robinson, of Ironbush, was registered at the Chattanooga Tuesday.

Died, last Sunday evening, a child of Marshall B. F. Martin and wife.

Go to J. A. Hughes and see his line of New Markets, Jerseys, Jack-etc etc.

Mrs. Annie Schmucker, of Presonsburg, is visiting at Mr. R. T. Burns.

Miss Lizzie and Thursa Burns have returned from a visit to Cincinnati.

P. F. Kinsley, of Denver, Col., was registered at the Chattanooga, Saturday last.

Work on the lock and dam has been suspended on account of cold weather.

Go and see J. A. Hughes' Overcoats, Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods.

E. C. Johnson, Insurance agent of Lexington, K., was in our city Monday last.

Great reduction in Overcoats, Shawls and all kinds of Underwear at J. A. Hughes.

All who are indebted to us for subscription will do us a great favor by paying at once.

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Who will be the first to come in to our sanctum with a full fledged turkey for the editors' Christmas dinner?

Miss Thompson, of St. Alban's W. Va., who has been visiting Miss Willie Lanck, returned to her home Wednesday last.

Dr. F. W. Weis has removed his drug store from the old hotel building into the large brick, two doors below the Post Office.

The young gentlemen of Louisa will give a hop next Tuesday evening. The services of the Ashland string band have been procured.

Remember, that if you come in and give us a dollar for your subscription for 1887 we will present you with a nice book worth 25cts.

"I would no more do without Dr. Sellers' Liver Pills in my house" says a neighbor, "than flour. They always cure headache, constipation, etc."

Four "Socials," two mites, and two festivals were all the "gatherings" we heard of in Louisa last week. We call this tolerably good for a town of 1,000 inhabitants.

"I am confident" said H. R. Wilson, of Gallipolis, O., "that no Vermifuge is equal to that made by Dr. Sellers." All druggists sell it, 25c.

Last Monday was Milt Burns' birthday. We tried to make a list of the presents he received, but it has been so long since we were little girls and kept "play house" that we have forgotten their names.

Fred Frank, a student at the A. & M. College, Lexington, Ky., is home for the holidays. "Frit" is a good looking, gentlemanly little fellow, the envy of the boys in his shirt uniform, and the admiration of the ladies.

The M. K. Church South gave a mile to Mr. C. H. Burgess Tuesday night. The contents of the bottle which has been on exhibition at the Post Office for some time were counted and it was found that Mr. O. D. Guired had guessed the nearest to the number, and was therefore entitled to the quilt.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Warder, of Louisville, the head of the Missionary work as operated by Kentucky Baptists, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Louisa. Dr. Warder preached in the Hall Sunday morning, and by invitation he preached in the South Church in the evening. He had large congregations and made a most favorable impression upon all who heard him.

No ease or comfort can be found by the sufferer with piles until he procures a bottle of Taber's Bilebevy Pile Ointment, and receive speedy and permanent relief always afforded by that excellent remedy. In fact there is no other preparation that will effect a lasting cure, and we cordially endorse and recommend it to all sufferers with the Piles.

In the News this week will be found a lengthy communication written by B. S. Pardee to the Manufacturers Record. Mr. Pardee was one of the party of gentlemen who called from Tennessee "breakers" of the Cumberland mountains and down the Big Sandy a few weeks ago. It will doubtless be found of great interest to all our readers.

Grandfathers' clock is an object of reverence among the modern things of beauty and use in every complete home, and a home is scarcely deemed complete without a bottle of Cousen's Holyer of Tarr to use when any of the home circle are afflicted with coughs, colds, or diseases of throat and lungs. Its popularity, achieved by merit, increases day by day.

Fashion may change in some things but an old and well tried remedy is grappled with, hooks of steel. Such is White's Cream Vermifuge, which has a larger sale than any so-called remedy, because it never fails to expel worms from a child who is their victim. Therefore do not defer its use, but relieve your child as speedily as possible by a dose of White's Cream Vermifuge.

The three churches of Louisa will have a union Christmas tree or trees in the Court House. Each Sunday School last Sunday appointed a committee on arrangements, and the several committees met at Mr. R. T. Burns' law office Monday morning, where they agreed on arrangements.

LATER.—Since writing the above we have been informed that the use of the Court House would have caused dissatisfaction, and that for that reason it was decided to have a Christmas tree at each of the churches.

FAST.—As a culinary preparation, J. Monroe Taylor's Gold Medal Soda of Ealeratus is UNFAILING. It has greater advantages over yeast fermentations, and will make twenty-five pounds more Bread or Biscuit from the same barrel of flour, and much better. It retains all the glorious starch and sugar that is in the flour, and from two-and-a-half pounds of flour, will make three-and-a-half pounds of Bread or Biscuit, while the same quantity by yeast fermentation will make only a trifle over three pounds, and require more than twice the quantity of shortening, besides being much more unhealthy. Try it, and be convinced.

At the regular meeting of the Chautauque Circle of Louisa, held Dec. 17th, 1886, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the departure of Mrs. and Miss Pierson from Louisa, as in their removal the "White Rose" loses two of its valued members.

That we hope their residence in Washington City is only temporary, and that our Circle will again be favored with the presence of those accomplished and intelligent ladies.

That the Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Big Sandy News for publication.

G. W. WROTON, Pres.

MAGGIE HATCHEE, Sec'y.

The Physicians of this section held a called meeting recently for the purpose of organizing a Medical Association. Dr. Weis was elected Temporary Chairman and appointed committees, as shown below:

I appoint Dr. Nelson Rice, Dr. Banfield and Dr. Bussey to arrange a fee bill regulating the charges of the members of the Chautauque Medical Association, and desire that they have same ready by next meeting for the approval of the Association. I also appoint Dr. John Gambill, Dr. Wroton and Dr. Yates to frame by-laws, rules and regulations to govern the Association.

Dr. F. W. Weis, Temporary Chairman.

A Great Iron Center.

[Special Correspondence Manufacturers' Record.]

ASHLAND, Ky., December 3, 1886. We have flushed our jointly exposed the country from the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad at Johnson City in this iron manufacturing town on the banks of the Ohio River. We have passed through a country whose natural wealth cannot be described in figures, which needs but a railroad and the capital invested in development that would certainly follow its construction to make this one of the busiest and richest sections in the United States. I dare not give the figures that our experts have made of the value of these resources if developed, for their immensely would lead your readers to think I had been taking lessons from Baron Munchausen. At present all this vast wealth is as useless to the world as gold would be to a starving castaway on a barren uninhabited island. It is where it was put by nature in that unheavened period of the world's history when great coal measures were lifted from unknown depths and held rock bound until needed for human use. More than half the surface of Scott county and all of Wise and Dickenson counties, Virginia, cover coal seams. It is the same with Pike county, Kentucky, and and by 40 miles down the Big Sandy river, splitting coking and cannel coals in veins varying from 2 to 11 feet in thickness crop out at such an elevation above that after and other watercourses as to reduce the cost of mining to a minimum, while their qualities have been proven, both by chemical analysis and by practical tests on a large scale, to be the equal of any found elsewhere.

At present this vast region is undeveloped between Pikeville and the Tennessee line. The marbles found at Ashland in inexhaustible quantities, the hardwood and poplar forests of all that region, and the fossiliferous red hematite ores of Scott county, are without value because they cannot be used. The steamers on the Big Sandy buy coal as they need it from the mines on the banks, taking it from barges moored below the mouth of the mines. All the work done in these from Pikeville to the Chattanooga railroad at Chapman has been superficial. No long entries have been made, for the farmers on whose lands these veins are have few customers other than the boats that ply up and down when the water is deep enough. From Richardson freight trains run to Ashland daily, carrying about 300 tons of coal daily for steam and domestic use, and some little cannel for local and Cincinnati customers, but as Richardson is 10 miles from the workable seams of cannel, the traffic at present is light.

The Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Co. has purchased the Chattanooga railway and has a force of men employed on this 20-mile extension. As soon as 10 miles of this are completed an immense traffic will begin. This 20-mile extension will pass by beds of rich hematite ores and through the nearest of the cannel coal fields. The steel rails to be laid are of the same grade.

the rest of the line through to Charleston. Ten miles from Richardson are found the first extensive seams of cannel.

Of the region containing this deposit and those further on, Prof. N. S. Shuler, of Harvard College, and once in charge of the geological survey of Kentucky, reports: "Its future lies in the fact that it is the richest field of mineral wealth known in any country." Of the ores he says: "I believe it will be found that no ores of like richness will be found so convenient to pure cheap coals."

I have already said that the completion of 10 miles of this extension would open up a big traffic for the railroad. I know of one contract that has been made, to go into effect as soon as these 10 miles are completed, by which a syndicate that is preparing to mine the cannel coal has agreed to ship 1,000,000 tons to its customers the first year. The freight earnings of the road from this contract will pay the interest on the bonds of the road from Ashland to that point, and this will be but a small item compared to what the business will eventually be when the road is completed to Johnson City. Some idea of what that will aggregate may be gathered from what follows.

Ashland is the center of the famous Hanging Rock district. It lies on the Ohio five miles below the mouth of the Big Sandy river. Around it within a radius of five miles, is a population of 22,000 people, all of whom more or less derive their support from the iron industry. Opposite this place is Ironton, and near by on either side of the broad river are other blast furnaces. Within the radius named are nine coke furnaces with a daily product of 700 tons of pig iron. Estimating the running time for all 300 days which leave 65 days for shut-downs for repairs and other purposes, the output of these furnaces is 228,000 tons of pig, which, using 60 per cent. ore, would require an annual supply of 456,000 tons of ore and 600,000 tons of coke. Adding the two we find that the total of ore and fuel required for these furnaces per year is 1,056,000 tons. The road lines all along the route from Richardson, Ky., to Hunter's Valley, in Scott county, Virginia, will supply the fuel and the hematite and specular ores needed, but the greater bulk and weight of fuel will be carried from the Bessemer ore mines of Cranberry, but 350 miles away. This enormous tonnage will require 8-10 trains of 20 cars each for 300 days, or for the whole period 2,400 trains of 52,800 cars.

The Ashland furnaces, both in blast and running on a low grade ore, from which they make a soft pig iron that is put to the same use as the Scotch pig. A singular proof of the great need they have of the Cranberry pigs is furnished by the Norton Iron Works, of Ashland: This company has a paid up capital of \$700,000. It operates a blast furnace, rolling mill, nail mill, keg factory and coal mines, employing about 700 men. It has a furnace 60x18 feet, and four Whitehall hot blast stoves each 50x16 feet. It makes 15,000 tons of iron annually, consuming 30,000 tons of ore and 50,000 tons of coal. All this while it buys iron hematite pig from Missouri or its own mill, and sells its own pig to manufacturers elsewhere. Mr. John Russell, president, and Mr. D. B. Meacham, secretary of this company, both told your correspondent that as soon as there was a certainty of getting the Cranberry ores they would erect a Bessemer steel plant and would double their present capacity. Mr. John Meacham, president of the Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Company, made a similar statement. His company has a paid up capital of \$1,491,500. It operates a railroad, a blast furnace and a coal mine. It has one furnace 62x16 feet, and is erecting another of the same dimensions. It has four Whitehall hot blast stoves, each 52x16 feet, and is building three more. "Give this district Cranberry ore and coke as soon as you can," said Mr. D. Pittman, Jr., superintendent of this company, "and you will have to make a double track at once to keep pace with the increase of the Hanging Rock demands."

The figures given in the foregoing are but a fraction of what this section would consume if it could get the iron and coke. When iron commanded high prices the blast furnaces drew their supply from Marietta, Lake Superior, 350 miles away. Since cheap production, caused by the establishment of furnaces in Tennessee and Alabama and the use of natural gas elsewhere, the majority have been compelled to suspend operations, and their plants, costing millions of dollars, have been idle. These furnaces, numbering 37 stoves, when running to their full capacity, produce 2,335 tons of pig daily, which, added to Ashland and Ironton output, makes a total of 2,955 tons of pig, or for 300 days the enormous production of 886,500 tons. The ore supply for these 40 stoves, for a year, would be 1,707,000 tons, and the coke 1,223,000 tons, the whole requiring 241 trains of twenty cars daily for three hundred days. Besides the above are a large number of charcoal furnaces, for which we could get no estimate. These are not mythical or guess figures; they represent the actual condition and needs of the furnaces in the Hanging Rock district. The plants are here with enough money behind them to put all into full blast as soon as fuel and ore are obtainable at prices they can afford to pay. As the Chattanooga railroad has been built southward 50 miles, and the narrow gauge is running northward to Johnson City, they

can be done to confidence the connection between the mines and the furnaces, and to bring to these furnaces whatever fuel and ore they may need. No railroad accountant is needed to prove that the earnings of the road which has this traffic will be enormous, and that too, without estimating receipts from any other business than that furnished by the blast furnaces. That there will be more is easy to see. Cannel and split coals, marble, lumber and farm products will help to swell the volume of freights. Sparsely settled as is the back country now, its exports reach a considerable figure. A statement recently prepared for the National Bureau of Statistics gives in detail the value of all merchandise carried from this country by boats on the Big Sandy from July 1st, 1885, to July 1st, 1886, the total being \$2,686,000, and this does not include what passed out by railroad. From this should be deducted the fares paid by steamboat passengers, \$33,527.50—leaving the total exports at \$2,652,472.50. The weight of this miscellaneous freight was 2,660 tons—logs, lumber, coal and live stock not being included. Among the most valuable of the foregoing were feathers, worth \$49,934; ginseng, \$33,514; 5,163 barrels of sorghum syrup, worth \$41,344; wool (\$50,440 pounds) worth \$179,582; and 4,601 cases of eggs, worth \$18,500. Timber and lumber are rafted down stream. Among the logs were 170,000 poplars, valued at \$774,463, and 15,532 black walnut, worth 273,278 dollars. Of lumber there were 1,457,500 feet of poplar and 9,940,000 oak staves. The live stock included 4,284 head of cattle, 57,100 chickens, 3,927 hogs, 1,768 sheep, besides horses, mules, turkeys, ducks and geese. These exports, taken from a list of nearly three-score articles, show very fairly what the agriculture and industries of that section are, and also what they may be when the country is opened up to settlement and its various resources are developed.

There is no possibility of more than one road ever being constructed to follow this extension on the line between Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad will follow, for the week of the Cumberland mountains and the eformation of the country on both sides of them will make it impossible to build a parallel. Neither will this road be compelled to haul long trains of empty cars from Ashland back to Cranberry, for the same that carry ore and coke down to Ashland will be filled with fuel for the blast furnaces at the Bessemer ore beds and the hematite mines of Burke county, N. C., or for the consumers at along the line between the Tennessee border and Charleston. Looking at the future business of this road from whatever standpoint I can see nothing to picture it from becoming the great freight carrier of the whole Southern country.

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